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For: SHEATH TUBE, AND METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING  
SAME

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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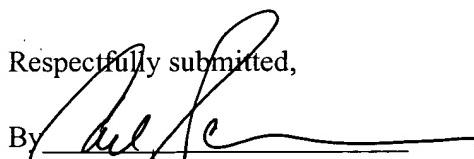
Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20050718), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a sheath tube, without traverse.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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